

Visa extension

You have entered Germany with a Schengen visa for visiting or business purposes ("C visa") and need an extension of the visa?

For this purpose you must observe the following points:

Competent Department

- [Migrationsamt](#)
- [Aufenthalt](#)

Basic information

A visa may be extended if the existence of force majeure, humanitarian reasons or serious personal reasons is proven and these prevent the timely departure. In such cases, the extended visa continues to be valid for the entire Schengen area.

If there are other important personal concerns which do not necessarily prevent a timely departure, the visa can be extended as a so-called national visa. This visa is then only valid for Germany.

Requirements

- Valid travel document with a validity of at least 3 months after the intended departure.
- Health insurance coverage
- Secured livelihood for the duration of the intended stay
- Financing the departure
- Proof of the reason given

What documents do I need?

- Travel document

Valid travel document, which is still valid 3 months after the planned departure.

- Health Insurance

proof of health insurance for the intended duration of the stay

- Proof of livelihood

Proof of securing livelihood for the intended duration of the stay.

E.g. declaration of commitment by a person living in the Federal territory.

- Proof of financing of the departure

E.g. flight ticket

- Other evidence

Other evidence to support the reasons given.

E.g. medical certificates, certificates for flight cancellations.

Procedure

If your visa expires, but you are in need of help, see below. Basic Information, Germany, please send us a reasoned email with your personal details and how we can reach you to: <mailto:office@migrationsamt.bremen.de>

Legal bases

- [Gesetz über den Aufenthalt, die Erwerbstätigkeit und die Integration von Ausländern im Bundesgebiet \(AufenthG\)](#)
- [Verordnung \(EG\) Nr. 810/2009 des europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 13.07.2009 über einen Visakodex der Gemeinschaft \(Visakodex\)](#)
- [Aufenthaltsverordnung \(AufenthV\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The extension must be applied for within the validity of the existing visa

How long does it take to process

A decision on the extension of the visa is taken immediately

What are the costs?

30,00 EUR

For serious personal reasons

60,00 EUR

For other important personal matters

free of charge

in cases of force majeure or humanitarian reasons